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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6390**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 124

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 20, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Grandfathering of employees.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** Brian Tabor

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board to license an individual as a mental health counselor, social worker, or clinical social worker, as appropriate, if the individual meets the following criteria: (1) Is employed by the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, the Department of Correction, or the State Department of Health on January 1, 1999. (2) Is employed within certain job classifications.

The bill requires individuals who receive a license under these criteria to comply with current laws regarding license renewal, reinstatement of an invalid license, and informing the board when the individual retires.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 1999 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Personnel reports that as of October 1, 1998, there were 596 employees (out of 695 allocated positions) that would be affected by this bill. The Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board would incur normal administrative costs when processing licenses for these employees. Additional staff or resources should not be necessary.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill exempts certain employee classifications in the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, the Department of Correction, and the state Department of Health from licensing requirements. Individuals employed in the relevant positions as of June 30, 1999, would be grandfathered and become licensed by the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board.

After the initial issuance, the new licensees would be responsible for the payment of renewal fees. The renewal fee for a mental health counselor, social worker, and clinical social worker license is \$20.00 every two years, due by April 1 of even-numbered years. Given the retroactive effective date of January 1, 1999, the estimated total additional biennial revenue generated by this proposal would be approximately \$11,920

(\$20 x 596 employees) beginning in FY 2000.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board, Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, Department of Correction, Department of Health

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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